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**TO: ALL NEWS AND ASSIGNMENT EDITORS AND REPORTERS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT: Media Availability Session to be held at Odyssey Middle School**

## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to hold media availability session as work on Odyssey Middle School grounds continues**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will hold a media availability session at Odyssey Middle School in Orlando on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. The session will be held at the entrance of the Warwick subdivision.

The purpose of the session is to provide information on the investigative work taking place at the school, which is located on the former Pinecastle Jeep Range property, a site used in the 1940s by the Department of Defense for military demonstrations and training.

The Corps is currently working to investigate anomalies and remove munitions and metal debris from portions of the former Pinecastle Jeep Range. In August, to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff, investigations were conducted on the school property prior to the opening of school. No items were found on the surface of the ground, and soil samples were free of munitions constituents. A temporary fence was also erected to separate the school from potential hazards on the adjacent Mockingbird, LLC property.

The Corps' current cleanup project will address the Odyssey Middle School grounds, Tivoli Gardens subdivision, portions of the Warwick subdivision, and portions of the Mockingbird, LLC property



closest to the school, to ensure continued public safety. The rest of the Pinecastle Jeep Range site will be addressed with a Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study, scheduled for early 2008.

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